

REMARKS

An Office Action was mailed on November 20, 2002. Claims 1-5 are pending in the present application

CHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION

Applicant is submitting herewith a Change of Correspondence form. All future correspondence in this matter should be directed to Customer Number 026304 at **Katten Muchin Zavis Rosenman**, 575 Madison Avenue, New York, New York, 10022-2585, Phone: (212) 940-8800, Fax: (212) 940-8776. The attorney docket number has also changed to **SAJC 19.190 (100788-00051)**, and it is respectfully requested that the Examiner update such information in the PALM system.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant is filing herewith an Information Disclosure Statement for the review and consideration of the Examiner. The document cited therein is referenced in the amendment to the specification submitted herewith.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112, FIRST AND SECOND PARAGRAPHS

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs. Responsive thereto, Applicant has completed redrafted the claims to overcome such §112 rejections. It is respectfully submitted that the indefiniteness and clarity issues have been overcome, and that all claims are amply supported by the originally-filed specification.

With respect to the reference to EP 378,275 on page 1 of the specification, Applicant has replaced such reference with its U.S. equivalent, U.S. Patent 5,264,168.

With respect to the "water-based binder" enablement rejection, the Examiner is respectfully directed to page 3, line 8, which provides clear support for a water-based binder.

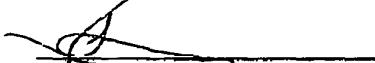
It should be appreciated that the amendment made in response to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph constitutes cosmetic changes to the claims and are not intended to affect the scope of such claims.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs.

An earnest effort has been made to be fully responsive to the Examiner's objections. In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that claims 6-10, consisting of independent claim 6 and the claims dependent therefrom, are in condition for allowance. Passage of this case to allowance is earnestly solicited. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, he is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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